

IN THE ALLOWED CLAIMS

The following listing of claims supersedes all prior listings.

1. (previously presented)

Implement for a pocket tool displaceable out of a stowed position inside a housing area of a housing body into an operating position outside of said housing area of said housing body, comprising:

- (a) a housing case with oppositely lying side walls having
 - (1) side faces extending substantially parallel and spaced apart from each other,
 - (2) slim faces extending between said side walls,
- (b) at least one lighting means arranged on a first slim face of said housing case and emitting a beam outwardly from said housing body and
- (c) at least one opposite contact and
- (d) a strip-shaped retaining arm which is displaceable between an initial position and an operating position having
 - (1) a first terminal end,
 - (2) a second terminal end, and
 - (3) a guide mechanism for guiding and moving an electrically conductive switch contact which is connected to said lighting means and said switch contact sits apart from said opposite contact when said retaining arm is in said initial position and sits against and is electrically connected to said opposite contact when said retaining arm is in said operating position; and
- (e) a switch mechanism for said lighting means having
 - (1) an operating element provided on a second, freely accessible slim face of said housing case remote from said housing body and connected to the strip-shaped retaining arm by means of shaft.

2. (previously presented) The implement as in claim 1, wherein said angle of said beam has an adjustable angle to a plane oriented perpendicular to said longitudinal axis of said pocket tool.

3. (previously presented) The implement as in claim 1, wherein said lighting means is an LED or RED.
4. (previously presented) The implement as in claim 1, wherein said angle of said beam is between approximately 0° and approximately 170°.
5. (previously presented) The implement as in claim 4, wherein said angle of said beam is between approximately 30° and approximately 140°.
6. (previously presented) The implement as in claim 4, wherein said angle of said beam is approximately 50°.
7. (previously presented) The implement as in claim 1, wherein at least one energy storage device, is arranged in said housing case.
8. (previously presented) The implement as in claim 7, wherein said energy storage device is a battery or a solar cell.
9. (previously presented) The implement as in claim 1, wherein at least one power consumer in addition to said lighting means, is arranged in said housing case.
10. (previously presented) The implement as in claim 9, wherein said power consumer is a display unit.
11. (previously presented) The implement as in claim 10, wherein said display unit is an LCD display.
12. (previously presented) The implement as in claim 9, wherein said power consumer is an input unit.

13. (previously presented) The implement as in claim 9, wherein said power consumer is a key pad, a tip switch, a pressure sensor, or a touch screen.

14. (previously presented) The implement as in claim 9, wherein said power consumer is a microprocessor.

15. (previously presented) The implement as in claim 17, wherein said microprocessor has a data memory.

16. (previously presented) The implement as in claim 14, wherein said power consumer is an electronic transmitter and/or receiver module.

17. (previously presented) The implement as in claim 1, wherein an electronic circuit for said lighting means is arranged in said housing case.

18-20. Cancelled.

21. (previously presented) A pocket tool as in claim 1, wherein:
said retaining arm has two guide webs spaced apart from each other;
a switch contact is guided between said guide webs and coupled to said retaining arm; and
when said retaining arm is in said initial position, said switch contact is positioned apart from an opposite contact, and when said retaining arm is in said operating position said retaining arm sits against and is electrically connected to said opposite contact.

22. (previously presented) The implement as in claim 1, wherein said opposite contact is an energy storage device.

23. (previously presented) The implement as in claim 1, wherein:
said retaining arm:
has a first terminal end and a second terminal end;
is longitudinally slideable by means of a first bearing surface provided in

the region of said first terminal end on a switch block; and
is pivotable relative to said bearing surface; and
a second bearing surface is provided in the region of said second terminal
end lying of a guide block to guide said retaining arm in its longitudinal direction.

24-26 Cancelled.

27. (previously presented) A pocket tool as in claim 1, further comprising at least one of an electronic circuit for said lighting means and/or at least one energy storage device and/or at least one power consumer and/or a switch mechanism electrically connected to said lighting means by line connections and arranged separately from said first implement and integrated in said housing body externally thereto or disposed in a cover plate attached to said side wall or in said side wall.

28. (previously presented) The implement as in claim 1, wherein:

said housing body has a base plate and a cover plate lying opposite each other and coupled to each other;

said base plate and said cover plate form parallel mutually facing internal side faces in at least certain regions; and

housing areas, separated from one another in at least certain regions by means of webs, extend between and in a plane parallel to said base plate and said cover plate for said displaceable first implement and at least one other removable implement.

29. (previously presented) The implement as in claim 28, wherein:

several webs are distributed across said internal side face of at least one of said base and said cover plate;

said webs at least partially separated from one another and project out from said side face of said at least one of said base plate and said cover plate towards the other of said base plate and said cover plate;

said webs having a height extending across at least a part of a total internal height between said side faces of said base plate and said cover plate;

said webs bound at least certain regions of said respective housing area when said cover plate is coupled to said base plate.

30. (previously presented) The implement as in claim 28, wherein several webs:
are distributed across the internal side face of at least one of said base plate and said cover plate;
are formed on said side face at least partially separated from one another;
project out from said at least one of said base plate and said cover plate towards the other of said base plate and said cover plate;
have a height extending across at least a part of a total internal height between said internal side faces of said base plate and said cover plate; and
bound at least certain regions of said respective housing area when said cover plate is placed on said base plate.

31. (previously presented) The implement as in claim 30, wherein said webs:
have a height corresponding to approximately a total internal height between said internal side faces of said base plate and said cover plate;
lie adjacent to one another when said cover plate is placed on said base plate;
abut at terminal edges facing said internal side faces of said base plate and said cover plate with said internal side faces of said base plate and said cover plate; and
are joined by means of a joining element.

32. (previously presented) The implement as in claim 28, wherein:
said webs are respectively arranged opposite one another on said base plate and said cover plate; and
when said cover plate is placed on said base plate, said webs extend towards one another and together form a continuous web from said base plate to said cover plate.

33. (previously presented) The implement as in claim 28, wherein said housing case of said implement is pivotably mounted on one of said base plate or said cover plate about an axis

extending perpendicular to said internal side faces, or is slideable relative to said base plate and said cover plate in a plane extending parallel to said internal side faces.

34. (previously presented) The implement as in claim 33, wherein:

said housing case of said implement is designed in the shape of a segment of a circle and is provided with a bearing bore disposed concentrically with said axis perpendicular to said internal side faces; and

said lighting means is disposed on a slim face remote from said housing body and radially offset from said bearing bore.

35-36 Cancelled.

37. (previously presented) The implement as in claim 1, wherein:

said housing body includes a control block projecting out beyond the internal contour of said housing case; and

said first slim face has a positioning element moveable via said control block between an initial position and an operating position.

38. (previously presented) The implement as in claim 1, wherein:

said lighting means has a first terminal contact and a second terminal contact;

said positioning element is in the form of an electrically conductive switch contact electrically connected to said first terminal contact of said lighting mean;

said switch contact is electrically isolated from a first terminal face of an energy storage device in its initial position and is electrically connected to a first terminal face of the energy storage device in its operating position; and

said second terminal contact of said lighting means is permanently electrically connected to a second terminal face of the energy storage device.

39. (previously presented) The implement as in claim 38, wherein:

said lighting means has a first terminal contact and a second terminal contact;

said second terminal contact of said lighting means is permanently electrically connected to a second terminal face of an energy storage device

said positioning element is in the form of a flexible arm coupled to said first terminal contact of said lighting means; and

when said positioning element is in its initial position, said first terminal contact of said lighting means is electrically isolated from a first terminal face of an energy storage device and, when said positioning element is in its operating position, said first terminal contact of said lighting means is electrically connected to the first terminal face of the energy storage device.

40. (previously presented) The implement as in claim 1, wherein said implement can be locked in its stowed position and/or operating position by means of a catch or snap-fit mechanism provided between it and said housing body.

41. (previously presented) The implement as in claim 1, further comprising a lighting means housing pivotably mounted about an axis oriented perpendicular to said side faces and in which said at least one lighting means is accommodated.

42-48 Cancelled.

49. (previously presented) The implement as in claim 1, wherein at least one other implement is disposed on a slim face of said pocket tool opposite said first implement, said at least one other implement being designed to be displaced relative to said housing body out of said stowed position inside said housing body into said operating position outside said housing body.

50. (previously presented) The implement as in claim 49, wherein said pocket tool can be supported on a working surface by means of a support surface of said other implement when moved out of said housing body.

51. (original) A switch connecting mechanism for a switch contact in an implement of a pocket tool, said switch connecting mechanism comprising a retaining arm extending in a

longitudinal direction and having a first terminal end and a second terminal end lying opposite said first terminal end, wherein:

said retaining arm:

is longitudinally slideable in a region of said first terminal end on a switch block extending parallel to said longitudinal direction;

is pivotably seated relative to a first bearing surface;

sits on a guide block in a region of said second terminal end so as to be longitudinally guided; and

has a bending-resistant rocker arm section extending across less than half of the length of said retaining arm perpendicular to said first bearing surface and a flexible arm section extending along the remainder of the length of the retaining arm; and

said flexible arm section of said retaining arm tapers towards its oppositely lying terminal end; and

an opposite contact co-operates with said switch contact on said second terminal end of said flexible arm section in a displacement region between a deformed initial position of said flexible arm and an extended operating position of said flexible arm.

52. (previously presented) A switch connecting mechanism as in claim 51, wherein:
said switch connecting mechanism further includes an operating element; and
said retaining arm or said operating element can be locked in said initial position and/or said operating position.

53. (previously presented) A switch connecting mechanism as in claim 52, wherein:
said switch connecting mechanism is provided in an implement as in claim 1; and
said implement is provided with a catch recess on said retaining arm or said operating element for locating with said catch nose.

54. (previously presented) A switch connecting mechanism as in claim 51, further comprising an operating element, wherein:

said switch connecting mechanism is provided in an implement as in claim 1;
said bending-resistant rocker arm section incorporates said operating element projecting out from said freely accessible other slim face of said housing case; and
said operating element extends in said longitudinal direction of said retaining arm.

55. (previously presented) A switch connecting mechanism as in claim 51, further comprising as operating element, wherein:

said switch connecting mechanism is provided in an implement as in claim 1;
said operating element is designed to be displaceable against said spring action of said retaining arm in said region of said resiliently elastic flexible arm section in the direction of an axis extending perpendicular to said longitudinal extension of said retaining arm and/or parallel to said longitudinal extension of said retaining arm.

56. (previously presented) A switch connecting mechanism as in claim 51, wherein:

said retaining arm is provided with a guide mechanism against which said switch contact is mounted so that said retaining arm can be guided; and
said first switch contact is coupled with said retaining arm in displacement.

57. (previously presented) A switch connecting mechanism as in claim 56, wherein said guide mechanism is arranged on a side face of said retaining arm and has at least two spaced apart guide webs between which said switch contact is guided.

58. (previously presented) A switch connecting mechanism as in claim 57, wherein said switch contact has several bends in its longitudinal extension, and is guided on said switch block and on at least one of said guide webs when said retaining arm is in said operating position.

59. (previously presented) A switch connecting mechanism as in claim 51, wherein said electrically conductive switch contact is in the form of a resiliently elastic leaf spring electrically connected to a terminal contact of a power consumer, or is in the form of a terminal wire of the power consumer.

60. (previously presented) A switch connecting mechanism as in claim 51, wherein a free end of said switch contact extends from said second terminal end of said retaining arm.

61. (original) A pocket tool comprising:

a housing body;

and at least one implement displaceable out of a stowed position inside said housing body into an operating position outside said housing body;

at least one lighting means;

an opposite contact; and

an operating button;

wherein:

said at least one implement has a housing case with two mutually opposite side faces and a slim face extending therebetween;

said lighting means and said operating button are arranged on said slim face of said housing case;

said operating button is connected by means of a shaft to a retaining arm;

said retaining arm is displaceable between a non-operating position and an operating position, and has spaced apart guide webs on one of its side faces between which a terminal wire of said lighting means is guided; and

said terminal wire of said lighting means sits apart from said opposite contact when said retaining arm is in said non-operating position and sits against and is electrically connected to said opposite contact when said retaining arm is in said operating position.

62. Cancelled.

63. (previously presented) The implement as in claim 1, wherein said guide mechanism is arranged on a side face of the retaining arm and comprises guide webs at a distance from one another, said switch contact being guided between said guide webs.

64. (currently amended) The implement as in claim 1, wherein:

(a) the retaining arm comprising

- (1) a first bearing surface within the region of its first terminal end; and
- (2) a second bearing surface within the region of its second terminal end; and
- (b) the housing case comprising:
 - (1) a switch block assigned to the first terminal end of the retaining arm; and
 - (2) a guide block assigned to the second terminal end of the retaining arm whereby the retaining arm is guided by its bearing surfaces at the switch and guide blocks and is slideable in its longitudinal direction on the switch and guide blocks.

65. (previously presented) A pocket tool comprising:

- (a) a housing body having two mutually opposite side faces defining at least one housing area between said side faces;
- (b) at least an implement displaceable out of a stowed position inside said housing area into an operating position outside of said housing area, wherein said implement has:
 - (1) a housing case with oppositely lying side walls having side faces extending substantially parallel and spaced apart from each other, and slim faces extending between said side walls; and
 - (2) at least one lighting means arranged on a first slim face of said housing case and emitting a beam outwardly from said housing body and at an angle to a plane oriented perpendicular to said longitudinal axis of said pocket tool; and
 - (3) a stop nose arranged on a second slim face of said housing case lying opposite said lighting means; said stop nose being configured to be supported on a bearing surface in said housing body when said implement is in said stowed position.

66. (currently amended) A pocket tool comprising:
- (a) a housing body having
 - (1) two mutually opposite side faces defining at least a housing area between said side faces;
 - (b) at least a first implement displaceable out of a stowed position inside said housing area into an operating position outside of said housing area, wherein said implement has:
 - (1) a housing case with oppositely lying side walls having side faces extending substantially parallel and spaced apart from each other, and slim faces extending between said side walls; and
 - (2) at least one lighting means arranged on a first slim face of said housing case and emitting a beam outwardly from said housing body and at an angle to a plane oriented perpendicular to said longitudinal axis of said pocket tool; and
 - (c) a control block arranged on the housing body projecting out beyond the internal contour of said housing case; and
 - (d) a positioning element arranged on said implement moveable via said control block between an initial position and an operating position.

67. (currently amended) A pocket tool comprising:
- (a) a housing body having two mutually opposite side faces defining at least a first and second housing area between said side faces;
 - (b) a first implement displaceable out of a stowed position inside said first housing area into an operating position outside of said first housing area, wherein said first implement has:
 - (1) a housing case with opposite lying side walls having side faces extending substantially parallel and spaced apart from each other, and slim faces extending between said side walls; and
 - (2) at least one lighting means arranged on a first slim face of said housing case and emitting a beam outwardly from said housing body and at an angle to a plane oriented perpendicular to said

longitudinal axis of said pocket tool; and

- (c) a second implement disposed on a slim face of said pocket tool opposite said first implement, wherein:
 - (1) said second implement being designed to be displaced relative to said second housing area out of said stowed position inside said second housing area into said operating position outside said housing body, and
 - (2) said second implement has a support surface and said pocket tool can be supported on a working surface by means of said support surface of said implement when moved out of said housing body.

68. (previously presented) A pocket tool comprising:

- (a) a housing body having
 - (1) two oppositely lying side faces defining at least one housing area between said side faces; and
- (b) an implement displaceable between a first position inside said housing area and a second position at least partially outside said housing area, which being disposed between said side faces, said implement having
 - (1) a housing case with two oppositely lying side walls, and
 - (2) a slim face extending between said housing case,
 - (3) at least one lighting means arranged on said slim face of said housing case,
 - (4) at least one opposite contact,
 - (5) a strip-shaped retaining arm which is displaceable between an initial position and an operating position, and said retaining arm is provided with a guide mechanism for guiding and moving an electrically conductive switch contact which is connected to said lighting means and said switch contact sits apart from said opposite contact when said retaining arm is in said initial position and sits against and is electrically connected to said opposite contact when said retaining arm is in said operating

position; and

- (6) an operating element arranged on said slim face of said housing case and said operating element is connected by means of a shaft to said strip-shaped retaining arm.

69. (previously presented) A pocket tool comprising:

- (a) a housing body having two mutually opposite side walls defining at least one housing area between said side walls;
- (b) cover plates arranged on said side walls;
- (c) an implement displaceable out of a stowed position inside said first housing area into an operating position outside of said housing area, wherein said implement has:
 - (1) a housing case with oppositely lying side walls having side faces extending substantially parallel and spaced apart from each other, and a slim face extending between said side walls; and
 - (2) at least one lighting means arranged on the slim face of said housing case and emitting a beam outwardly from said housing body and at an angle to a plane oriented perpendicular to said longitudinal axis of said pocket tool; and
- (d) an electronic circuit for said lighting means;
- (e) at least one energy storage device;
- (f) a switch mechanism, said energy storage and said switch mechanism are electrically connected to said lighting means by line connections and arranged separately from said implement and integrated in said housing body or disposed in one of said cover plates.